

FIG. 1 (Prior Art)

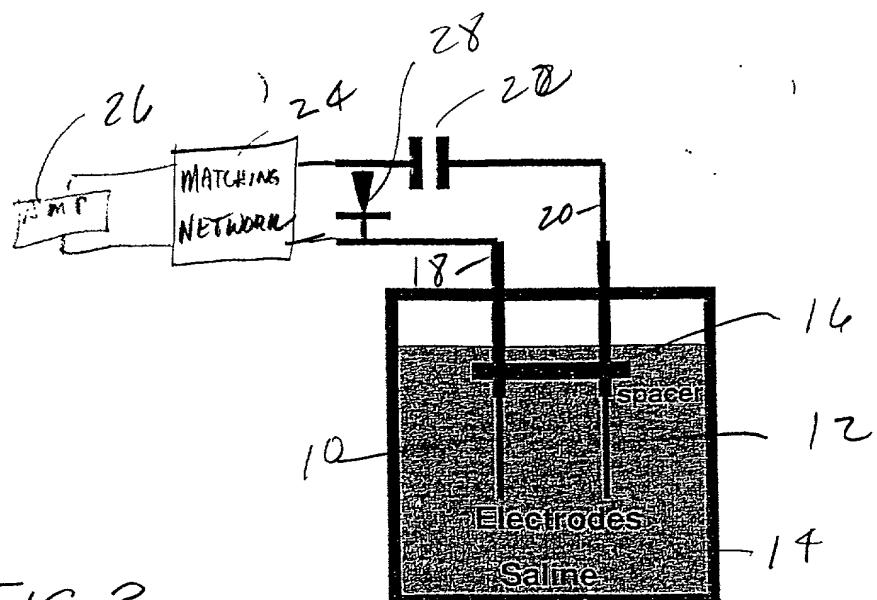


FIG. 2

FIG. 3(A)

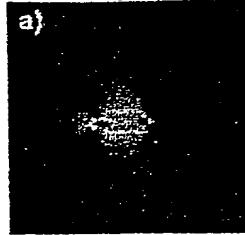


FIG. 3(B)

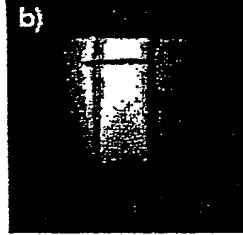


FIG. 3(C)

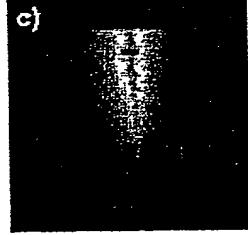


FIG. 3(D)

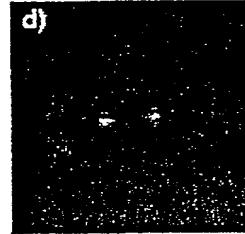


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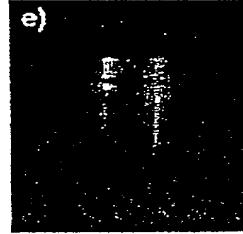


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Figure 3: Sensitivity of the electrode probe coil. In this example, a-c) shows the sensitivity pattern in the axial, coronal, and sagittal planes with the electrodes in a plane parallel to B_0 . Images d-f) show the sensitivity pattern in the same planes with the electrodes in a plane perpendicular to B_0 .

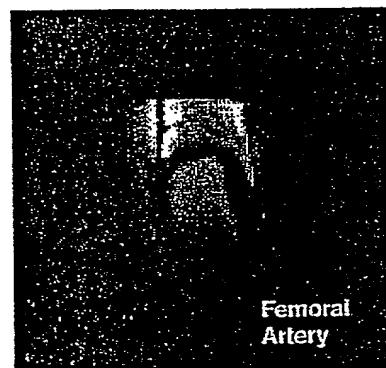


Figure 4: Axial image of an excised human femoral artery using the electrode probe coil on a 1.5T MRI scanner. These probes provide exquisite detail while being minimally invasive.

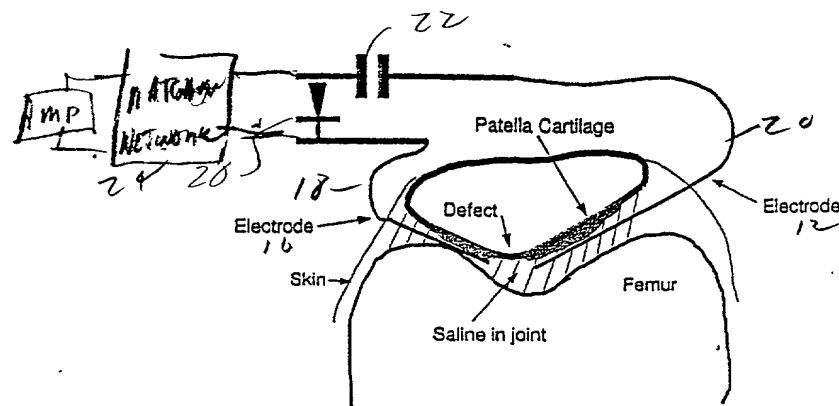
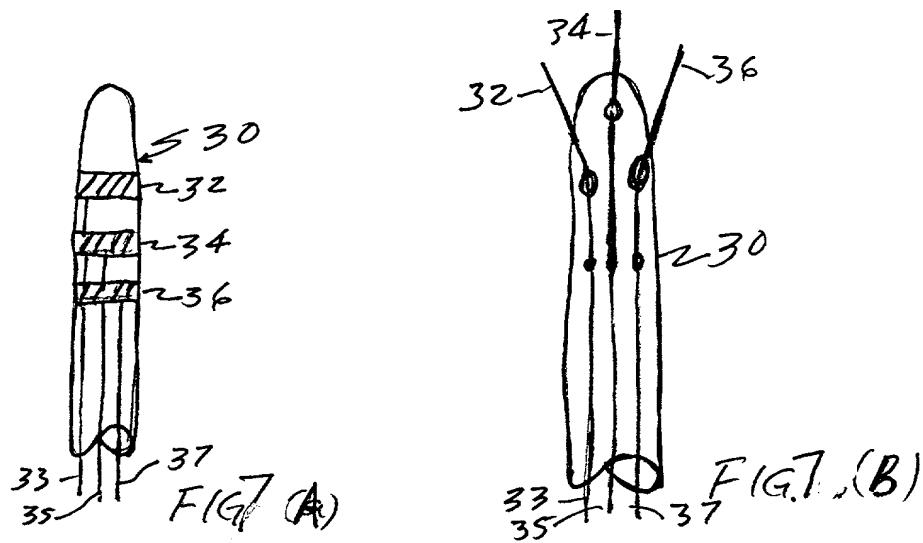


Figure 5: Schematic drawing of placement of the electrode probe coil intra-articularly in a patient with a defect in the patellar cartilage. The joint is filled with saline and the probes are placed near the defect to maximize SNR in the area of interest.



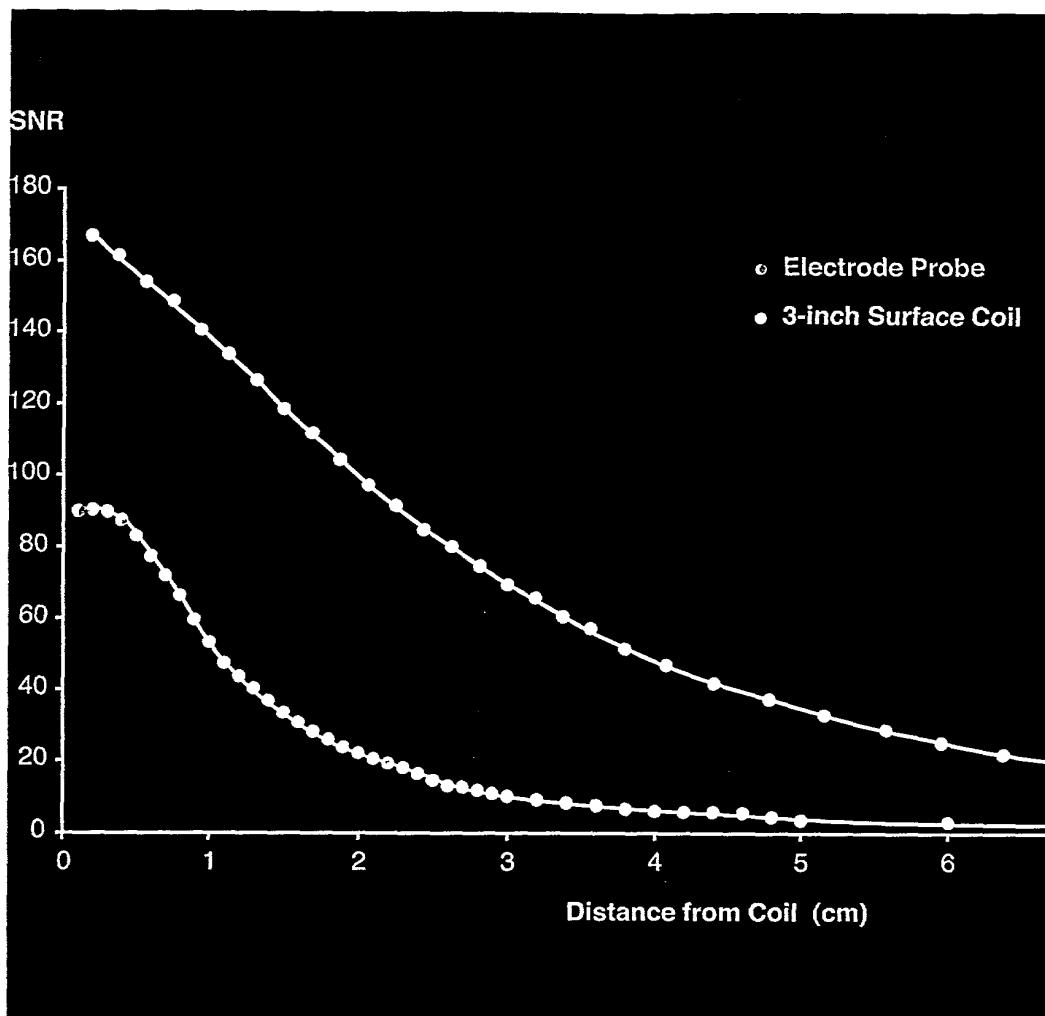


FIG. 6